

Amendment No. 2 to SB2839

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**AMEND Senate Bill No. 2839**

**House Bill No. 2822\***

by deleting all language after the caption and by substituting instead the following:

WHEREAS, the General Assembly recognizes that unemployment is a serious problem in the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly recognizes that supporting employment in the United States would benefit the economy of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, providing a preference for call center services in the United States could aid the economy and assist the state government's efforts to provide secure and efficient processing of information through call centers; now, therefore,

BE ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 12-4-109, is amended by deleting subsection (e) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(e) The commissioner of finance and administration shall promulgate regulations pursuant to subdivision (a)(1)(A) authorizing a preference in the evaluation of proposals for state contracts requiring the performance of call center services for vendors through whom such services will be solely provided by citizens of the United States who reside in the United States, or any person authorized to work in the United States pursuant to federal law, including legal resident aliens in the United States. As used in this subsection "call center" includes a business entity that performs services, including but not limited to, data entry services, electronic governmental transfers, or other electronic, telephone and telecommunication services. Any proposer seeking this preference shall supply such supporting documentation as the state may require and shall certify that it will provide services solely by citizens of the United States

who reside within the United States, or persons authorized to work in the United States pursuant to federal law, including legal resident aliens in the United States. The certification shall acknowledge that the State will audit and monitor compliance and seek appropriate remedies for noncompliance.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it.